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COUNTRY : Poland

SUBJECT : Polish Academy/Medicines Necessary for Armed Forces in USSR.

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1. Q. How do you know that the Soviets issued directives to the Polish Academy of Sciences?

   A. I have learned this by reading Polish, British and US newspapers. I have also obtained much information from NOWEDROGI, the Polish periodical. By careful examination of these journals, and by reading between the lines, one can arrive at certain deductions. In this manner I have been able to ascertain that the Soviets have issued directives to the Polish Academy. This has also been done by placing Communists in key positions to carry out the directives.

2. Q. What are these directives?

   A. I cannot state specifically just what these directives are. I have not had the detailed material with which to work out the actual plan.

3. Q. What medicines are most important to the Armed Forces?

   A. In my opinion as a layman, there are four medicines which are imperative. They are:

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a. M & B Tablets.

These, I believe, were originally a British preparation. I don't know their chemical and medicinal content, but I do know that these tablets performed miracles in the cure of venereal disease, specifically gonorrhea, when I was in Samarkand, USSR, in 1942. At that time I had several carloads of these tablets at my disposal, and these were to be used to stem the incredibly great inroads which the disease was making on the Soviets in Asiatic, USSR. They would pay as much as 30 rubles for one tablet. As a district doctor's salary at that time was only 250 rubles per month, one can easily see what great value was placed on them. Blackmarketing operations resulted, and were difficult to stop. These tablets were also very effective against diarrhea, which was widespread in the USSR, particularly in the Armed Forces. Cures of both gonorrhea and diarrhea were effected in a few days after the drug was administered.

b. Penicillin

Penicillin is, in my opinion, of great importance to the Armed Forces. After World War II, great stress was placed on the production of this drug in Poland. [redacted] whose major field of interest and activity is plant pathology and bacteriology, and who still resides in Poland, was engaged in penicillin research in 1946. She worked under a professor of medicine from the University of Cracow, but he died about four months after the work had commenced. Subsequently she was replaced by another specialist. It was through her that I learned about the stress placed on penicillin production.

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c. Aspirin

Aspirin is another highly important drug to the Armed Forces.

d. Vaccine against Typhoid Fever.

This vaccine is also of great importance.

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